

READING SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT CERTIFICATE Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 12

The Reading Specialist/Consultant Certificate is valid for assignment as a Reading Specialist/Consultant in grades PK - 12 in Rhode Island public schools. This certificate is also valid for diagnosis and remediation of reading disability cases, teaching developmental reading at the secondary level, and implementation of reading programs K-12 as consultant to the classroom teacher

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in Reading Specialist/Consultant an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of Reading Specialist/Consultant Support Professional
- Completion of 300 Hour Internship
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the International Reading Association (IRA)
- Other requirements:
 - Three years of teaching experience
 - Hold a RI Teaching Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area

Assessment Requirements

Go to www.ets.org for test registration, dates and locations

All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island assessment requirements:

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 164 on the Praxis II Reading Specialist test (5301).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Current Routes to Certification

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- Completion of RI approved program from one of the following: Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, University of Rhode Island
- Reciprocity
- Transcript Analysis

Reciprocity Requirements

Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island.

Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for

¹ Full Certification in Rhode Island means a multi-year certificate that demonstrates the educator has met all Rhode Island requirements for certification in the three-tier certification system (Initial, Professional, or Advanced certification). Full Certification does not include Preliminary Certifications which require educators to meet additional requirements to attain full certifications. Full certifications in Rhode Island are comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and are recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity.

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Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.

Transcript Analysis Requirements

Applicants who have not completed an approved program or do not meet reciprocity requirements can be certified by Transcript Analysis until December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015 a Credential Review process will replace transcript analysis in areas for which there are no Rhode Island approved preparation programs.

- Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of the following:
 - Hold a RI teaching certificate and has 3 years of documented classroom teaching experience
 - Master's degree in Reading OR Not less than 24 semester hours of graduate level coursework in each of the following areas:
 - Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Disability
 - The Supervision of Reading Programs
 - Research in Reading
 - A minimum of six semester hours in a Reading Clinic or Practicum
 - Meet all Rhode Island assessment requirement(s) for this certificate area